

NOTICE

**GRANT FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED TO ATTEMPT TO
INFLUENCE LEGISLATION**

We direct the attention of potential Social Security Administration (SSA) grantees to the fact that the following statutory provision (a part of Section 407 of Public Law 95-480, 92 Stat. 1589) has applied to SSA's appropriations beginning with those for fiscal year 1979 and that such a provision is likely to continue to apply to its appropriations:

"No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient or agent acting for such recipient to engage in any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress."

This means that the costs of attempting to influence legislation pending before Congress may not be charged either as direct or indirect costs to any SSA grant awarded from funds subject to the provision. Attempting to influence legislation is commonly called lobbying.

This notice concerns only the charging to SSA grants of certain costs. Nothing in this notice is intended in any way to inhibit or discourage any party from exercising its lawful rights to attempt to influence legislation pending before Congress as long as the costs are not charged to an SSA grant.